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TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS - GENEVA, SEPTMBER 1-12

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1. DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAPPENED AT FIFTH
CONGRESS ON PREVENTION OF CRIME DIFFERS SUBSTANTIALY FROM
THAT OF ACCOUNT OF IRAQI DELEGATION, REPORTED REFTEL. NO
VERBATIM RECORDS KEPT SO IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECONSTRUCT
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PRECISE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL DELEGATIONS DURING TWO-WEEK

MEETING, BUT UN SUMMARY REPORTS, SUPPLEMENTED BY REPORTING
AND RECOLLECTIONS OF USDEL, SHOW THE FOLLOWING:

A. THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE. THE
ONLY RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CONGRESS DEALT WITH CONDEMNATION
OF TORTURE.

B. ARAB COUNTRIES (NOTABLY EGYPT, LIBYA, SYRIA AND
ALGIERS) LED ATTACK ON ISRAEL IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSION
OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. UN SUMMARY REPORT ACCURATELY
REFLECTS BOTH THE VIEW (EXPRESSED BY ARAB DELEGATIONS) THAT
ACTIONS OF PALESTINIANS TAKEN IN DEFENSE OF OR TO REGAIN
THEIR TERRITORY DO NOT CONSTITUTE TERRORISM, AND THE

OPPOSING VIEW (EXPRESSED BY USDEL AND OTHERS) THAT
TERRORISM, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND IT,
SHOULD BE CONDEMNED.

C. PLO OBSERVER ATTACKED ISRAEL IN CONNECTION WITH
DISCUSSION OF TORTURE, AND IRAQI DELEGATE TOOK CANADA TO
TASK FOR YIELDING TO ZIONIST DEMANDS IN CONNECTION WITH
TRANSFER OF CONGRESS, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR TORONTO,
TO GENEVA.

D. THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO DECISION BY CONGRESS REGARDING
ARABIC AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. CONGRESS SECRETARIAT
REPORTED AT BEGINNING OF SESSIONS THAT, ALTHOUGH SUDDEN
SWITCH TO GENEVA CREATED PROBLEMS CONCERNING
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS,
SERVICES IN ARABIC WOULD BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PREVIOUS UN PRACTICE. KISSINGER

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